

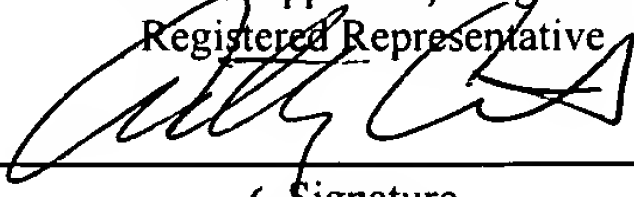
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Case No. 9281-4205

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Akihiro Nakano, et al.

Serial No: 09/992,399

Examiner: Andre C. Stevenson

Filed: November 6, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2812

For: PLASMA PROCESSING
APPARATUS INCLUDING A
PLURALITY OF PLASMA
PROCESSING UNITS HAVING
REDUCED VARIATION

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action
dated January 13, 2004 for a period of 1 month(s).

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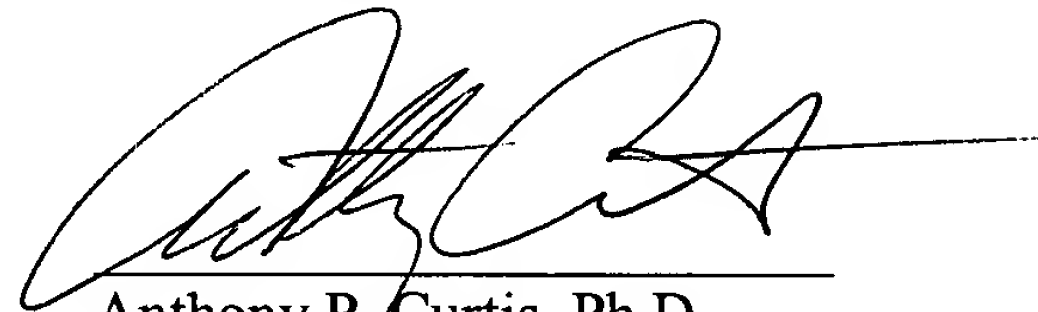
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☐ already filed
☒ other than small entity

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Two Months	\$400	\$200
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Fee Payment

- ☒ Attached is a check for \$110 for the Petition fee.
☐ Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
☒ Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: March 15, 2004

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